

The Todd Place  
La Grange, Troup County, Georgia.

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Owner: Mrs. F.J.Dodd.

Date of Erection: 1845-48 (?).

Architect and Builder: Philip Green (?).

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records: See text.<sup>1</sup>

Additional Data: See following pages.

<sup>1</sup> See also the illustration, plate 129, in Howard Major: The Domestic Architecture of the American Republic.

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Frame, Basement and two stories, two story  
columned porch. Greek Revival.

No explanation can be found for its having  
been known locally as "The Old Todd Place"

It is said by its present owner and occupant,  
Mrs. F. J. Dodd, to have been designed and built by  
Philip Green, 1845-48.

Local tradition states that the timber was  
cut in local forests and the mahogany for the doors,  
stairway and front balcony was brought from South  
America, and that all of the work of construction  
was done by slave labor.

  
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ARCHITECTURAL NOTES:

The Todd house conforms to what Howard Major<sup>1</sup> believes is the typical Greek Revival house of the old Southwest. The houses are "cubical, box-like structures, often without roofs, preceded by a colossal colonnade or completely surrounded by colonnades".

The "colossal colonnade" here is the Doric porch at the front. At the rear is an inset portico with small square columns. The low roof is crowned by a balustraded platform. Inside the house the stairs are U-shaped in plan.

By Henry Chandler Swan  
1936

<sup>1</sup> Domestic Architecture of the Early American Republic.